

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order**-The meeting was called to order by Hurtley at 6:02 pm.
2. **Roll call-**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	City Administrator, Jason Sergeant
Aldersperson, Rick Cole	A	Community Development Director, Colette Spranger
Aldersperson, Dianne Duggan	P	City Clerk, Darnisha Haley
Mayor, Bill Hurtley	P	Library Director, Megan Kloeckner
Aldersperson, *Ben Ladick	P	Attorney, Mark Kopp
Aldersperson, Susan Becker	P	Police Chief, Patrick Reese
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	EMS Chief, Jamie Kessenich
Aldersperson, Joy Morrison	P	Sen. Janis Ringhand & Rep. Mark Spreitzer
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	Assistant EMS Chief, Carolyn Kleisch
<i>*Ladick logged out for a brief moment so there are some 6-0 votes that are correct.</i>		Officer, Mitchell Ziolkowski
		Other member of the general public

3. **Approval of agenda**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to waive the reading of the minutes of the December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meetings and approve as presented. There were two corrections made to Park and Recreation board report section. Motion passed 7-0
5. **Civility reminder**-Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at council meeting.
6. **Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.** After the listed items, Mary Libby of 16325 W Cain-Libby Road spoke about the pool referendum and exploring the option of an indoor pool.
  - A. Representative Spreitzer- Assistant EMS Chief Carolyn Kleisch
  - B. Celebratory swearing in of Officer Mitchell Ziolkowski
7. **Reports of Committees**
  - A. **Library Board Report**-Kloeckner read the library report as follows:
    - General Updates
      - Circulation is picking back up; we saw an increase of 18.96% from 2020.
      - Next Saturday (1/22) we are offering Clue Murder Mystery program for teens.

- We have cancelled our in-person story time for the month of January due to increasing COVID numbers, and that age group does not have access to vaccination at this time. Still offering virtual story time options.

**B. Youth Center Advisory Board Report**-Did not meet

**C. Plan Commission Report**

- 1) Becker made a motion, seconded by Stuart to Approve certified survey map to divide parcel 6-27-635 into two lots located at 123/143 North Fifth Street, finding that the application is in the public interest and meets the objectives contained within Section 110-102(g) of city ordinances, with the following conditions:
  - a. The final CSM is recorded with Rock County Register of Deeds.
  - b. The applicant files an annexation application to bring the portion of Fifth Street directly abutting the proposed parcels under the jurisdiction of the City of Evansville.
  - c. The City may require the applicant to install a sidewalk, giving 24 months advanced notice.

Motion passed 6-0\*

- 2) Becker made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve Resolution 2022-02 Outlot 1, Windmill Ridge Relief of Public Dedication. Motion passed 6-0\*.
- 3) Becker made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve Resolution 2022-03 Public Participation Plan for 2022 Comprehensive Plan Update.  
Motion passed 6-0\*
- 4) Becker made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve Resolution 2022-04 Real Estate Authorization. Motion passed 6-0\*.

**D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- 1) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to accept the December 2021 city bills as presented in the amount of \$1,174,414.11. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote
- 2) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution #2022-01 Amending the City of Evansville's Fee Schedule – Solicitor & Mobile Vendor License. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**E. Public Safety Committee Report**-Duggan reported the following:

- 1) There were five (5) Operator's licenses approved.
- 2) Chief Reese order the new squad car for the department.
- 3) The new Snow Emergency Parking Ordinance is now in effect. There were 90 warnings were issued with the first snowfall and 30 issued with the second snowfall.
- 4) Officer Ziolkowski was sworn in.

**F. Municipal Services Report**-Brooks reported the committee received the first draft of the water quality report from Town & Country. There's more actions we can take as a dept. both in making sure we are adding the right additives to the water mix and when the weather is nicer to do a Directional flush of the water system.

- 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Ladick to approve the reallocation of funds for equipment within already set budget numbers not to exceed. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**G. Economic Development Committee-** Brooks reported there were plans made for 2022. Discussion on compliance and code enforcement to enhance economic development in the downtown area.

**H. Parks and Recreation Board Report-**Morrison reported there was an outstanding citizen turnout for the Park & Pool project. MSA presented the Westside concept summaries; there was a motion to accept Park concept A and Aquatic concept 3B which passed unanimously. Jewell & associates will be submitting final plans and comments to the DNR for final approval of the Lake Leota Dam Repair, this is currently on track to go out for bid in Feb 2022. Update on the finishing of the creek walls and second duck house, Kendall Wethal was short a pallet of cap stone to finish the top of the wall and would need to wait until the spring to complete the last section of the second duck pond. Morrison also reported that a woman and her daughters offered to adopt the dog park as part of the Adopt-A-Park Program. There will be 8 new trees added to the dog park, and Raquel Michel is donating two benches.

**I. Historic Preservation Commission-**Lewis reported the following:

- 1) 15 W Main- Replacement windows and sign application approved
- 2) 101 E Main-Discussed Draft Enforcement Letter

**J. Fire District Report-**Brooks reported the following:

- 1) There were a total of 209 fire calls in 2021
  - a) 116 were fire only,
  - b) 34 Mutual aid out
  - c) 59 EMS assist.
- 2) There were an average of 9.8 firefighters responding to calls in 2021.
- 3) The firefighters responded to 39 Motor vehicle accidents, 8 Building fire, 8 vehicle fires and 8 Brush fires.

**K. Police Commission Report-**Did not meet

**L. Energy Independence Team Report-**Did not meet

**M. Board of Appeals Report-**Did not meet

## 8. Unfinished Business

- A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve Ordinance 2021-12 Amending Chapter 22 Businesses. Motion passed 7-0
- B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve Ordinance 2021-13 Amending Chapter 90 Solicitors. Motion passed 7-0.
- C. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to Approve Ordinance 2021-14 Repealing and Re-Creating Section 126-1 Rates, Fees, Rules and Regulations Generally. Motion passed 7-0
- D. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Morrison to Approve Ordinance 2021-15 Creating Section 1-16 Fees and Charges. Motion passed 7-0.

## 9. Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator

- A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to Approve Letter of Commitment for Energy Planning Grant. Motion passed 7-0.
- B. Distribution of wage study for discussion at February Council meeting.
- C. Progress Update for Park and Aquatic Improvement Project.

10. **Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**

- A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to appoint/reappoint members to the Tourism Commission as follows: Raj Patel as the lodging industry representative; Sue Berg as the Economic Development Committee member with public relations background; Jim Brooks as Alderperson serving on the Economic Development Committee; Christina Slaback, as Executive Director of the Evansville Chamber of Commerce; and Abby Barnes, Dianne Duggan, and Nancy Nelson as citizen members. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve the Committee Citizen Appointment of Jeff Farnsworth for a five-year term to the Board of Review. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

11. **New Business**-None

12. **Introduction of New Ordinances**-None

13. **Meeting Reminder**

- A. Regular meeting February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00 p.m.

14. **Closed session:** Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan that Common Council convene in closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wis. Stats Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Upon completion, Common Council will not reconvene in open session. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote at 7:13 pm.

There was no action taken in closed session and the meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk